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Attention: Agenda Preparation

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RE: **Item for the Board of Supervisors' Agenda**
County Claims Board Recommendation
Irma Fuerte Arias v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. PC 053 656

Attached is the Agenda entry for the Los Angeles County Claims Board's recommendation regarding the above-referenced matter. Also attached is the Case Summary to be made available to the public.

It is requested that this recommendation and the Case Summary be placed on the Board of Supervisors' agenda.

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Attachments

Board Agenda

MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

Los Angeles County Claims Board's recommendation: Authorize settlement of the matter entitled Irma Fuerte Arias v. County of Los Angeles, et al, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. PC 053 656 in the amount of \$430,000 and instruct the Auditor-Controller to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Probation Department's budget.

This lawsuit alleges that a probationer performing community service was sexually harassed and her civil rights were violated by a Probation Department employee.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Irma Fuerte Arias v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	PC 053656
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	September 6, 2012
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Probation Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 430,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Lawrence J. Hanna, Esq.
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Millicent L. Rolon Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This is a recommendation to settle for \$430,000 the lawsuit filed by Irma Fuerte Arias alleging sexual harassment after a Probation Department Detention Services Officer allegedly subjected her to inappropriate personal and sexual attention, made inappropriate comments, and took video and photos of her without her permission.</p> <p>Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a reasonable settlement at this time will avoid further litigation costs. Therefore, a full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$430,000 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 425,825
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 54,514